

Captain's Letters July 16 - Aug 31. 1853 (page 3)

July 28 - Morris ADAMS - vessel wishes to go to Cadiz, what are your general orders in such cases?

July 30 - Morris ADAMS - Your gen'l order rec'd (beginning)

Aug. 5 - Morris ADAMS <sup>off Ft. Washington</sup> - request direct in re enclosed letter  
Encl. from W. Bomball - illegal detention of his ship  
BOLIC TRADER to Cadiz abandons cargo consisting of  
4930 tons whole & 447 half tons of flour  
Encloses Copy of Capt. Silow's protest. (4 pages)

Aug 8 - Gordon - USS Potomac Ft. M. Henry - just ret'd  
from reconnoitering Frigate off mouth of Chester  
(with 3rd in & fleet of City Gallies placed under  
his orders) tried to draw off small cruisers - but  
they stood <sup>down to</sup> ~~up~~ the ship of the line that <sup>weighed &</sup> stood up & toward  
them - anchored in Co. 6 or 8 miles below where they  
now lay. 7 sail five of which arrived last \_\_\_\_?  
I will reconnoiter if wind permits but our exposure  
in the night is so great while laying in sight of them  
I am obliged to ~~return~~ run up near the Fort  
rather than exhaust & weary my men by laying at  
their guns all night after working ship from daylight  
to dark in the for - ful sun we have had latterly.  
Discuss sloops building and lack of officers  
to merce progress

Aug 13 - Gordon, Baltimore, pissed off at Secretary  
misconstructing his motives re something or other  
not stated.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - ~~for~~ Morris, Annapolis - Thanks for Harrier  
pg 149 acceptable to Gov. & whartrants. altho' he does  
not think they plan an attack - Ships remain  
as when he last wrote? but 50 which was opposite  
has joined those above and a big has gone below  
Their tenders are sounding the bar, and we have  
<sup>not? no</sup> floating force of ~~the~~ any description to molest  
them.

Morris  
Aug 16

see below  
letter

Gordon  
Aug 17